

CHARLES BREWSTER.

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Mr. E. B. WASHBURNE, from the Committee on Commerce, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Brewster, part owner and agent of the fishing schooner "Flores," report:*

That in the opinion of your committee the specific requirements of the several laws granting bounties to vessels engaged in the cod-fisheries should be fully complied with.

It appears that the schooner "Flores" was abandoned after having been engaged in codfishing but a little more than three months. The law requires a service of four months in such employment.

The loss of a vessel on her return voyage, after a compliance with the law in respect to the time employed, outfit, &c., is provided for, and your committee are not disposed to override these general provisions by special legislation, and have therefore instructed me to make an adverse report.

